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Great Winter of Sport Continues: State of Origin Sold Out

Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris, today announced the third State of Origin fixture, to be held in Sydney on Wednesday, July 17, has sold out.

“With the series locked at one game apiece, it is no surprise that the third and deciding game has sold out quickly. I am delighted that this game will be held in Sydney, and it promises to bring vast economic benefits to the State,” Mr Souris said.

“State of Origin is an occasion unmatched in Rugby League. The atmosphere at the first game in Sydney was electric, and the third game promises to surpass even that. With over 80,000 supporters present I have no doubt the Blues can rise to the challenge and bring the State of Origin trophy back to its rightful home.

The NSW Government’s tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, this year secured two State of Origin games exclusively for NSW.

“The third and final State of Origin match is part of a fantastic month of sport and major events in Sydney, with the third and final test between the Wallabies and the British and Irish Lions to be held on Saturday 6 July, and the match between Manchester United and the A-League All-Stars taking place on Saturday 20 July.”

“ANZ Stadium is also expecting July to be their biggest month in almost a decade, with nearly 330,000 people expected to attend the stadium in that time,” Mr Souris said.

Destination NSW CEO, Sandra Chipchase, said “Sydney will host the deciding matches for the British and Irish Lions Tour and State of Origin, reinforcing NSW’s position as the home of Australia’s most exciting sporting events.”

“If you are a sports fan, then NSW is the place to be this winter.”

The match will be held at ANZ Stadium on Wednesday, July 17.